

Combining Series

Theorem 8: If $\sum a_n = A$ and $\sum b_n = B$ are convergent series, then.

1. Sum Rule: $\sum (a_n + b_n) = \sum a_n + \sum b_n = A + B$
2. Difference Rule: $\sum (a_n - b_n) = \sum a_n - \sum b_n = A - B$
3. Constant Multiple Rule: $\sum k a_n = k \sum a_n = kA$ "any" #k

Proof:

$$A_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \quad (\text{nth partial sum of } \sum a_n)$$

$$B_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n \quad (\text{nth partial sum of } \sum b_n)$$

$$s_n \text{ of } \sum (a_n + b_n)$$

$$s_n = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) + (a_3 + b_3) + \dots + (a_n + b_n)$$

$$= (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n) + (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)$$

$$= A_n + B_n$$

$$\text{Since } A_n \rightarrow A \text{ \& } B_n \rightarrow B$$

$$\text{So } s_n \rightarrow A + B$$

Do 2 and 3

Remarks

- ① Every non zero constant multiple of a divergent series diverge
- ② If $\sum a_n$ converges and $\sum b_n$ diverges, then $\sum (a_n + b_n)$ and $\sum (a_n - b_n)$ both diverge.

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Remember $\sum a_n + b_n$ can converge when $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ both diverge.

$$\sum a_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 \quad \text{Diverges}$$

$$\sum b_n = -1 + -1 + -1 + \dots + -1 \quad \text{Diverges}$$

$$\sum (a_n + b_n) = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 \quad \text{converge to } 0$$

Example:

$$a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n-1} - 1}{6^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^{n-1} - \frac{1}{6^{n-1}} \right) \quad \text{both converge}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{n-1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{6}} = 2 - \frac{6}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{2^n} = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$= 4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) = 8$$

Adding or Deleting Terms

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{k-1} + \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$$

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges then $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ converges (for $k > 1$)

Conversely,
If $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ converges for any $k > 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ conv.

Thus,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{125} + \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n}$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n} \right) - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{25} - \frac{1}{125}$$

Re indexing

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1+h}^{\infty} a_{n-h} = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1-h}^{\infty} a_{n+h} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots$$

Example:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \cdot \quad \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n-5}} \quad \cdot \quad \sum_{n=-4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+4}}$$

The partial sums remain the same